

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- o **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- o **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- o **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- o **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- o **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- o **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- o **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: These sites are in a lodgepole pine forest near some beaver ponds on Wind River. One site is across the creek from the trail. The other site is on the same side of the stream as the trail, about 50 ft. uphill. Signs on Wind River Trail and red arrowheads mark the trails to the sites. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

Number of Sites: 2

Distance: 1.6 miles from E. Portal;
1.9 miles from Sprague Lake.

Privy: NO/YES

Elevation: 8,940 ft.

Approx. Travel Time: 1 to 2 hrs.

Elevation Change: 600 ft. climb from E. Portal;
320 ft. climb, then drop 160 ft. from
Sprague Lake.

Water Source: Water available from Wind River. Boil or adequately treat water.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): There are 2 THs. 1.) To hike from E. Portal, take Hwy 36 to Spur 66 and drive toward the YMCA. Follow this road past the YMCA turnoff to the end at a water reservoir. Park on the dam. Please do not park at or near the Estes Park Campground nearby. Then hike up the dirt road around the reservoir to reach the TH beside Wind River. 2.) To hike from Sprague Lake, drive up the Bear Lake Road 3.0 miles and watch for signs. The trail leaves from the south end of the picnic area.

